

IV. Development Potential

The Town of Selma possesses a good deal of potential for future growth and development. But while the growth possibilities may be somewhat limited by less-than-ideal soil conditions, ample opportunities exist to shape the type of development that will occur. Much of this can be attributed to an aggressive town government which is making inroads into correcting past deficiencies and planning for the future. Another important factor is an increased awareness of--and a desire to participate in--decisions that affect the locality, state, and nation; perhaps this can best be illustrated by extracting some of the responses to a mail questionnaire distributed by the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service in 1975.

TABLE 16
RESPONDENTS' ATTITUDES TOWARD SOME LAND-USE
ISSUES IN JOHNSTON COUNTY

	N = 74		State N = 3054	
	% Disagree	% Agree	% Disagree	% Agree
<u>Citizen Appraisal</u>				
Citizens should have more say on how land should be used in their area	4	90	4	91
I favor county land use planning	14	65	11	68
I favor statewide land use planning	32	47	29	47
<u>Individual vs. Public Rights</u>				
	County		State	
The use of land should be based upon the overall public good	8	84	14	77
Use of private land should be based on what the owner wants rather than being restricted by zoning	32	54	52	38
No one should be allowed to use his property in a way that might damage the property of others	3	94	3	94
Land is a resource to be traded for economic gain	43	33	48	32
<u>Evaluation of Current Efforts</u>				
Zoning restrictions hurt more than help	52	20	61	18
Good agricultural land should be preserved from urban de- velopment	22	75	22	64